



Web Development Committee

To: Indiana GIS Initiative
From: Eric Torok
Date: September 11, 2000
Re: Meeting Minutes

INGISI web site improvements

We discussed how we could improve the web site. We agreed that it is too "textual" and how it could improve by being more graphical. The goal of the layout of the page was to have functional links on the left side of the page and descriptive links on the right.

Some specific ideas were:

- Delete "GIS To Go"
- Add a "Standards and Recommendations" link
- Move the "Discussion Forum" to the left side of page
- Add a "News" link
- Move the "Metadata Tool Kit" to the POLIS site for ease of maintenance by Jill
- Clean up existing links and "In-Focus Map Projects"
- Add an "Acknowledgements" link
- Add an "Advertising" page?

The members are charged to print out pages of the web site that they feel could use updating. Then, mark up your changes and bring them to the next meeting. A master set of changes will then be made and submitted to Access Indiana.

Relationships with other sub-committees

Jill will be setting up list-serves for all sub-committees.

We discussed adding a link for each sub-committee to post their news, minutes, calendars, etc.

Also, Eric offered to make the Discussion Forum available for all committees to use for meetings. Each sub-committee chair should submit to Eric the date and time of the meeting, and he will make sure that a Topic is available by then for the meeting to occur in. This could help those meetings where people would travel from a long distance away.

Clearinghouse

We reviewed the following update from Dan Johnson:

We have it functional from one of our web servers and it is mounted to an Oracle database. We are trying to follow the format of the INGISI web presentation. The site currently lists one metadata record for Washington and there is of course some fine-tuning that needs to be performed in the testing stage. Testing begins next week and will conclude sometime in early

November. During this time we will have metadata records for Indiana actually available. Once testing concludes I will register the site with the FGDC. Let me know if you have any questions and I will try to make the next meeting.

We discussed SPEA's proposal for the 21st Century Research grant and decided that we would let the Executive Committee decide on what to do with that, if anything.

Web Partnership Policy

We need to develop a policy for INGIS Council partners that support our efforts by donating resources to the web page. Some ideas to consider are

- Advertising
- Consistent use of design elements
- Corporate marketing
- State of intent
- Disclaimer

I will create a draft for all of us to review prior to our next meeting, and then we should come prepared to discuss it.

Next meeting:

October 17, 1-3pm

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Agenda Items:

Review everyone's proposed web site revisions and prepare submittal to Access Indiana

Prepare a standard web flow for sub-committees and submit to Access Indiana

Review draft of web partnership policy

Anything else?